



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Advantage

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This one word covers a great scope of territory. We find it in every walk of life. The large boy at school runs over the small one. Paul spoke of some who creep into houses and lead captive silly women. Jude 16 gives us a picture also of some "murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage." Jacob took advantage of Esau while Esau was hungry and faint; then was the time to strike.

Men of wealth take advantage of the poor according to James 5:4, "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

2 Sam. 20:9, 10, Joab took advantage of Amasa when he took him by the beard to kiss him and had a sword in his hand and smote Amasa with it. Judges 4:21, "Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, (Sisera) and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died." No matter how righteous or unrighteous these acts were or were not, you can see they took advantage. It is right to take advantage of some things and wrong to take advantage of some others.

To take advantage of some work, of music, schooling, going to church, etc., is right but to get behind God's sacred desk and take advantage with men's persons in admiration, won't do. It is right to instruct from that stand and even deal with things you have heard, but don't take advantage. God help us.

In 2 Sam. 15 Absalom stole the hearts of ten tribes of Israel from his father David by taking advantage, by kissing them. The consequence was a great rebellion and finally the loss of Absalom's life. There lies behind this life of Absalom a deeper sin than this but space won't permit us to deal with it now.

Prov. 20:23, "Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good." Prov. 20:14, "It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he (the seller) is gone his way, then he (buyer) boasteth." When one has cotton, furniture, poultry or what not, this is the case—advantage. Every defect the buyer locates and he deducts and prices down, etc. All of you readers of this article are acquainted with these things. When one is leaving, selling out, or even in death, when one is broken up, coffins that the workmanship and material all told wouldn't amount to \$25.00, have to be bought, and they take advantage and rob you then. The judgment will be terrible, my brother, for all such. Rom. 3:1, 2, "What ad-

vantage then hath the Jew, or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God."

Advantage—you can see it. As I heretofore have said it, it can be located most everywhere. The strong over the weak; the learned over the unlearned; the foreman over the laborers; the buyer over the seller; nation over nation, etc.

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Paul's exhortation to the church at Corinth, "But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him,

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Notices

Churches and Ministers of Tennessee

The General Mission Board in a called meeting, March 28-29, unanimously agreed that Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer of Tennessee, also a member of the Mission Board, should go to Jamaica to assist in the mission work there for a period of some six weeks or more, and asked that the Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, take care of the work in the state during his absence, and appoint someone else to assist him in event his services are demanded elsewhere. This was done by agreement of all parties concerned.

Therefore, please co-operate with Brother Johnson in the promotion of the work in the state during Brother Cross' absence. Also, remember to pray for Brother Cross in this mission work.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Notices, requests, revivals, reports, testimonies, etc. cannot be published in the Evangel unless the writer's name is signed to same. Please do not be disappointed if you send in something for the paper and it is not published if your name is not signed, for we cannot publish it.

The Church of God at Kellys Ferry will have home coming the third Sunday in May. We will have all-day service with dinner on the ground. Neighboring churches and pastors are invited to be with us, also our state overseer, Brother Cross, and family have a special invitation to be with us. We plan to begin a revival that night so pray that the Lord will give us souls.—J. L. Byrd, pastor, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Church of God at Lavonia, Ga. will have a home coming Sunday, April 24, with dinner on the ground. Everybody who can possibly get here is invited. You are welcome.—E. E. Coleman, pastor, Box 201, Lavonia, Ga.

The Lord is blessing at Shiloh church, Drew, Miss. We had a wonderful service last night. We are going to have the Lord's Supper and feet washing the fourth Sunday night in April and we invite the near-by Church of God people to come. We invite the people at Pilgrim Rest to be with us.—C. W. Kendall, Drew, Miss.

The East St. Louis convention will convene at 1716 Lincoln Avenue, E. St. Louis, Ill., May 6-8. Brother J. R. Thomas, state overseer, will be in charge. Let all the churches discontinue their regular services and come to the con-

vention, and please bring a good offering for missions. There will be some good preachers here; don't miss a service.—G. W. Messer, district pastor.

To the North Carolina Y. P. E's: Hope Mills won the state Y. P. E. banner for the month of March with an increase of 135 per cent. Cramerton came second with 98 per cent. Come on, Y. P. E's, sell all the Lighted Pathways and let's win the national banner.—E. E. Winters, state Y. P. E. president of North Carolina.

Church Buys Property for B. T. S. at Sevierville

Thank God, prayers are answered—Bible Training School will have a new home, and room for expansion. Murphy College site, Sevierville, Tennessee, is now the Church of God Bible Training School home.

Council of Twelve overwhelmingly decided this the far better plan than remodeling the Auditorium in Cleveland.

Many of the brethren are very enthusiastic over this remarkable purchase, which the Lord has made possible.

More detailed information will be given next issue.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

There is now in Los Angeles, Calif. a Church of God, located at 8406 S. Vigueria., T. P. Robertson, pastor.—T. P. Robertson, 165 W. 73rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

You are invited to come to Blossom, Tex. on Mother's Day. We are going to have a program in honor of mother. This program will be on the second Sunday night at 7:30. Come one and all. The first Sunday in June we will have our annual home coming at Blossom. We will have all-day service. Come and bring a well-filled basket. You are invited. Let's have a good time in the Lord. If you can't come, pray for us that the Holy Ghost will have full control.—J. F. Brown, pastor, Blossom, Tex.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of Tennessee: Both the state S. S. and Y. P. E. banners go to Johnson City. Good for Johnson City. Somebody must be working. Bridges Chapel came second to winner of the Sunday School banner and Elizabethton came second to winner of Y. P. E. banner. Don't forget the importance in sending in your Sunday School and Y. P. E. reports.—Max L. Atkins, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent of Tennessee, 2519

Trunk St., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Pulaski, Va. district convention will convene at Pulaski, April 29-May 1. We invite our ministers to be present. We expect our General Overseer and others to be with us. Everyone come expecting a great feast from the Lord. Brother Dorman and I are in charge. Come over all you neighboring states and be with us.—W. I. Bass, district pastor, Box 375, Pulaski, Va.

The Forrest City district fellowship meeting will convene at the Poplar Grove, Ark. Church of God May 1. Service will begin at 10:00 a. m. and close 4:00 p. m. Dinner will be served at the church and everybody is welcome. We will have all-day service Mother's Day at Sharpes Chapel Church of God.—W. E. Wright, district pastor.

The Big Island, Mo. district convention will be held at the Vicksburg Church of God, three miles south of Deering, Mo., April 29-May 1, with H. L. Marcum, state overseer, in charge. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a mission and orphanage offering.—B. W. Eliott, district pastor.

If anyone knows Brother L. A. Harvell's full address please write me at once.—Mrs. M. A. Adams, West Memphis, Ark.

Dear saints, it pleased the Lord to put me in this harvest field to look after some souls for the Lord. Please hold me up before the Lord that I will get more power and can stand the test. We are running a revival. Pray that many souls will be brought to the Lord. I am just from Sandy Point. I found two little sparks there but it needs kindling.—Yours for the Master, J. T. Musgrove, Whitby Turk Island, B. W. I.

We started a meeting two weeks ago and it is still going. A church was set in order with eleven members. A Sunday School was organized April 10 with one hundred and six members for the first Sunday.—Your brother, James Dixon.

A revival is now in progress with Sister Rose (Lucia) Short and husband in charge. God is surely blessing in a great way. We are going over the top. Praise God. Continue to pray for the Washington, Pa. church.—A. F. Newport, 80 E. Chestnut St., Washington, Pa.

We will have home coming at the Church of God in Statesville, N. C. the last Sunday in April, the 24th. All near-by churches are invited to come and bring a well-filled basket as we will have dinner at the church.—Ray Collins, pastor, 1127 8th St., Statesville, N. C.

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Why Suffering?

GEORGE CLEMENT

When we consider human suffering in the light of God's Word it is not the great problem that some philosophers would make it out to be. When we fully realize the greatness of Adam's transgression in willfully allowing that great monster of destruction called sin to enter the world, we can in at least a satisfying measure explain most human misery in its most dreadful manifestations. It is true however that there are certain aspects of suffering that do baffle our finite minds. In example it is very perplexing why that courageous man of God, John the Baptist, should be cast into the darkest prisons and finally beheaded through the wicked dictates of a degraded woman, just during the period of Jesus' triumphant ministry when He was constantly healing and delivering the suffering by a mere word of His lips or a touch of His hands. Was John not the greatest of prophets: even the one privileged not only to announce the coming of the Messiah, but also to personally introduce Him to the nation of Judea? John himself could not understand why he should be thus incarcerated, and he apparently began to doubt whether or not Jesus was truly the Messiah (Luke 7:18-20).

The history of the Church contains many similar puzzling cases of human suffering. In fact, we have such examples all around us. Even the Scriptures themselves do not seem to elucidate these problems. It is here where our trust in God's goodness and love steps in, and we know that no purposes of God have miscarried. If we could always trace God's ways there would be no need of trusting. However, we know that some day we shall no longer be seeing through a glass darkly (1 Cor. 13:12), but we shall fully understand these problems. Until that time the Scriptures give us sufficient knowledge of the providential dealings of God to satisfy our hearts and to eliminate from our minds all misgivings. We know that God is overruling all things to His ultimate glory. Let us then consider what the Scriptures teach in regard to human suffering.

We need only to read the first Book of the Bible to come to see the causes of suffering in its various aspects. In the first place we learn that through Adam's transgression "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). This is an inescapable natural and moral law. Adam and Eve chose self-will instead of God's will and they willfully disobeyed the Lord's command. They were drawn

away of their own lust and enticed (James 1:14, 15) and their sin opened the way for the process of suffering and death. Even when the salvation of God reached down to meet their sinful hearts' need, they still had these foreboding words ringing in their ears: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow," "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it"***dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." The inflexible law of God is, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Many a man, Christian and otherwise, is suffering the dreadful consequence of sowing his "wild oats."

Then in the second place we learn that "all that will live godly**shall suffer persecution." Abel desired to worship God in the way that God had ordered. He knew that the only way to approach God acceptably was by the shedding of blood. Consequently he sacrificed unto the Lord of the firstlings of his flock and God respected Abel and his offering. But Cain, his brother, wanted to worship God in the way that seemed right unto him. He omitted the slain sacrifice from his offering and consequently his offering was rejected. When he saw that Abel was blessed of God and he was not, he slew him.

Now many centuries have gone by since this incident but today there are more people going the way of Cain (Jude 1:11) than the way which Abel took, which was God's way. And similarly those that have been made righteous by the blood of the Lamb have suffered persecution of varying severity from the followers of Cain. In the world the Christian is promised tribulation (John 16:33; Acts 14:22) and church history and present happenings prove the veracity of the Word of God.

Let us now turn to the fuller light of the New Testament to consider a third type of suffering. There are some verses found there that explain very clearly other aspects of suffering seen in Genesis and other parts of the Old and New Testaments. Paul in writing to the Corinthians says: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Cor. 1:3, 4). God often leads His children into fiery trials that they may there experience His great comforting and sustaining grace, that

they in turn may be able to comfort and encourage others who are called to go through similar experiences. God's rarest saints are often those who suffer most.

God cannot trust all of His children with suffering. They would grow hardened and cold and embittered. I repeat: only God's rarest saints are called to go through the fiercest trials most generally. How easily discernible they are in times of trouble! They go into the sick room, and their words of comfort act like the balm of Gilead upon the hearts and minds of the afflicted one. When bereavement comes they are there with their warm and heartfelt sympathy and assistance. Wherever hearts are bowed down with sorrow and suffering those saints who have been there before come with the oil and wine of loving ministration and with the hopefulness that comes from experiencing God's mercy and love when they had suffered similar trials. We all may be thankful for these matured and tried Christians. They act as angels of comfort and mercy to their suffering brethren. And while these thoughts are on our mind, shall we not lift our hearts to God in praise and thanksgiving for that One who because of His willingness to be perfected through suffering (Heb. 2:10) can sympathetically identify Himself with us in our infirmities (Heb. 4:15)? Fiery trials are sanctified to our blessing and His glory as we humbly and gladly lie submissively on the Potter's wheel as His loving hands mold us according to His perfect will.

Now suffering not only deepens the Christian's understanding and sympathies, but it also makes him lean harder on the overcoming grace of God. It tends to reveal to him his frailty and directs his eyes to God's all-sufficiency. He knows fully what Paul meant when he wrote: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Cor. 3:5). A Christian seldom realizes his nothingness (Gal 6:3) until God reveals it to him. The process of learning this is generally a painful one. It was for Paul. Note Second Corinthians 12:7-11. This passage is self-explanatory. The Christian who bears about in his body the dying of the Lord Jesus also manifests the resurrection power of Christ (2 Cor. 4:10, 11). To him it is clearly perceived that the treasure of God's wonderful grace and blessing is contained in earthen vessels "that the excellency of the power may be of God" and not of him (2 Cor. 4:7).

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Threefold Holiness Truth

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23.

There is a threefold aspect of Bible holiness. Some claim that our inward man can be pure but the outward man may be disobedient and sinful. But the trend of the Scriptures bears out the thought that we are to be holy, spirit, soul, and body; then according to the Scriptures, there is a clear, definite experience of holiness. This takes place when one is holy sanctified. When one is cleansed from all hereditary sin and the carnal mind which is at enmity against God is taken out and the old man crucified, then we have that definite experience of holiness. This is what they call perfect love or love made perfect. Any statement of sanctification that differs from this is in error. There are so many of our people who are unsettled and are not acquainted with this holiness ex-

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perience and their preaching is not definite. God does not own and bless error. He will not accept truth when it is not preached from a pure motive and an experience backed up by the Word of God. There are so many messages that are powerless and have no direct aim so that people are not led into the depth of God's love.

There is a peculiar technicality about the doctrine of sanctification. There is also a peculiar power about the experience. There is a quiet, satisfying feeling that will unmistakably take place when you receive the experience of sanctification. There is a consciousness of utter yielding of one's self to God, a conscious rest in the perfect will of God, a pure heart, a feeling of affection and inward soul delight which cannot be put into words, but it is an actual experience just the same. There can be no outward practice of true holiness living until after a work of conscious holiness has been wrought in the heart through the blood of Jesus. Many try to lash themselves into holiness living without having the real experience produced in their hearts. Hundreds of preachers who are prejudiced against sanctification are blindly urging their congregation of members to live a pure, holy life and yet turn round and oppose the doctrine of entire holiness, which is the only thing in the universe that produces the pure, holy life. In order to practice holiness we must have it. It will be perfectly easy for those who are sanctified to pray in secret and to render to their friends the exercise of love and faith. It will be perfectly easy to lay aside worldly dress and such adornment as makes us like the world. It will be easy to help the poor and to visit the prisoners, fast, and be partakers of those divine things that only the love of God can help us to do.

The threefold form of holiness will make it easy for any one to practice godly love. If we have mere doctrine alone we will be formalists. If we hold to the

experience apart from the doctrine and practice of holiness we will not be well balanced in our teachings and practices. Many have made the fatal mistake of denying the doctrine and governments that the Bible prescribes to keep us in the narrow way. But if we have the experience and adhere to the teachings and instructions of God's Word, there will be a threefold, full portion of holiness in our lives that will be a great influence to men.

THE SWEETNESS OF LOVE

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love," John 4:7, 8.

Nothing but sanctification will produce this wonderful experience of love. I was holding a meeting once in the mountain sections of north Georgia and there came a helper into the meeting who had great influence. It seemed that everybody she talked to was blessed. I finally asked her to please tell me the secret of her power and she quoted to me John 4:7, 8, and said it was the sweetness of God's love in her heart. For many years I felt that I had known the range of God's power and faith and had had the blessed experience of being helpful to many souls, but I had never experienced such power as this woman had. She told me that she was in a meeting and heard a message on seeking the fullness of God's love and after placing herself before God with earnest prayers and fastings, a great divine power came over her that had changed her whole life and had molded her into one with love, faith, and power to help others. This was of great interest to me. This of course will be criticized by some who are rather selfish and have but little knowledge of the great range of God's eternal love. It is true that all lives are not molded in the same pattern; all religious lives are not fashioned on the same order. Every true child of God has his natural ability and tact to be a blessing to others. Some have the current running through their lives of great courage. Others are careful and are backward but that doesn't hinder this current of love from taking possession and molding them into types of love and helpfulness to others. Every Christian life should be molded in the pattern of love. Of course we must have the experience that the Bible prescribes that I haven't time to give in detail here, but like the mighty storm that sweeps over the earth, every Christian should have that sweetness of love that makes them pure and helpful.

Every soul in which this love has been planted must seek to find God's definite will concerning him and his life's work,

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The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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For God Was With Him

Acts 10:38

Jesus came into the world as the representative of the Father, and to do His will. He spake the words of the Father. He was anointed by the Father for His ministry, and in all His works the Father was glorified. In just the same way the followers of Jesus represent Him in the world among men.

1. The personality of Jesus was so electrified by the divine presence, that men were attracted to Him everywhere He went. With nothing more than a look into His face, we believe that many were convinced of His claims and became His faithful followers at once. "God was with him." The wise men looked upon Him as the "babe of Bethlehem" and worshipped Him. At His baptism the multitude witnessed the manifestation of God's glory and power upon Him. On the mountain, with Moses and Elijah, He was transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John, who never forgot that glorious scene.

In that memorable prayer of Jesus', recorded in John 17, Jesus said to the Father, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them (the disciples) into the world" (v. 18), and a little further, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them" (v. 22). If, indeed, God be with us, and Jesus in us, there is a Christlikeness that will beautify our lives that we may be effective representatives of Jesus here on earth.

2. Jesus' words were the words of the Father. "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14:24). "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak" (John 12:49). Jesus was ever loyal to His Father and to all His interests.

It is the business of the Church to give the words of Jesus to the world, they are "spirit and life." Jesus identifies Himself with those who give the world His Words. He verifies them to men. This is the channel through which He makes Himself and His will known. Jesus knew the Father, spoke His words, and revealed the Father to men (Matt. 11:27). Jesus' followers know Him, and through their Christlike lives and testimony of His words they make Him known to men.

3. His power. God anointed Jesus with

the Holy Ghost and power. This was His equipment for doing good in the world, and for fulfilling the will of the Father (Acts 10:38). He was declared to be "the Son of God with power" (Rom. 1:4).

Jesus said to His followers, "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you" (Luke 24:49). And when the Holy Ghost came at Pentecost, Peter said that Jesus "received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost," and this is it. It is not our privilege only to have Jesus with us today, but we may have the promised Holy Ghost and power which Jesus received from the Father for His followers. Jesus said, "Lo I am with you." How wonderful are these words fulfilled—in the personal presence and power of the Holy Ghost upon them and in their ministry.

4. Jesus' works on earth. Jesus said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise" (John 5:19). And again, "I must work the works of him that sent me" (John 9:4). And, "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). Jesus glorified the Father in all He did, declaring, "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

Now to His own Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12), and when He went back to the Father, it is said of His disciples, "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord (that is, Jesus, their glorified Lord) working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen" (Mark 16:20).

Young People's Corner

The Great Tongue Doctor

Read James, chapter three. Where can such an arraignment of the tongue be found? And such a prescription for a bad tongue! Truly it will be profitable to notice some of the things said by this great apostle on this important subject. *The Unsanctified Tongue*

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature;

and is set on fire of hell" (v. 6). If a man have only a bad tongue among his members, that's enough, that tongue can set the rest on fire, and destroy all the good he may possess.

A tattling tongue has ruined the standing of many a good man and woman in the community.

A tattling tongue can destroy the peace of a happy home with the speed that few other things can make, and even stir the whole neighborhood in short order.

Just one tattling tongue has often been the occasion in the church for creating a condition of disorder and almost ruin.

Actuated by the Devil

The apostle says that the spirit which is back of a tattling tongue is not from heaven, "but is earthly, sensual, devilish" (v. 15). So, such a spirit and such a practice certainly do not belong to God's little children.

God is Displeased With It

Can men and women who use their voices to speak good at one time and evil at another, or to give out sweet things now and bitter things a little later, be pleasing to God? Certainly not. The apostle says, My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (v. 10). God's express command is, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice" (Eph. 4:31). If God be "angry with the wicked every day," be sure the evil speaker is included in the list.

What is Back of a Tattling Tongue

Do men just forget, or do they just happen to speak evil of others? We think not, it comes from a bad heart. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If unkindness, hatred, and bitterness were not in the heart, the lips would not give expression to them. In trying to describe and parade the evil of others the evil speaker shows up the spirit and unkindness of his own heart.

There is a Remedy

If evil speaking and backbiting be sin, then they are included in the works of the devil which Jesus came to destroy (1 John 3:8), and there is a positive remedy. Jesus died for the deliverance of the evil speaker, and His blood will cleanse every one who will confess and forsake his sin. Truly no man can tame the evil tongue, but Jesus can. He gives sweetness in place of bitterness, and purity, health and holiness instead of foulness. He can make the vilest clean, disconnect him from the fountain of evil and evil things, and connect him with the "fountain of life," from which nothing but purity and health flows. Praise the Lord!

The man who bridles and keeps under control his whole body, tongue, and
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News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

A LITTLE HEAVEN BELOW

The tenth annual island convention of Jamaica was held at 11 French St., New Town, Kingston, Feb. 19-22, with the overseer of Jamaica, Bishop H. A. Hudson, presiding. We were privileged to have dear Brother Ingram, our world-wide missionary and general representative of the foreign fields, with us, whose messages from time to time were spiritual enjoyments to all. After the pastor of the Kingston church gave the welcome address, Evangelists A. N. Mitchell, R. B. Anderson and Deacon G. A. Powell responded in fitting words. The hundreds, who were present by this time, enjoyed a quartet number which lifted us up in the Spirit. Brother Ingram gave a short talk, expressing his joy and happiness to be in Jamaica and how welcome he felt in the overseer's home. He sang to us in French, German and Spanish. The overseer gave a wonderful message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were times during the overseer's various messages when some laughed, others spoke with tongues, some shouted, while others cried under the power of God. Even now I can picture those scenes. Praise His matchless name forever! This convention lasted for four days and therefore to write all the glories would need the whole Evangel and yet all could not be told.

After prayer meeting Sunday morning by Elder Edward Larmin and wife, we met again at 10:00 a. m. Elder W. A. Shaw gave an inspiring address followed by Brother Ingram preaching to us a wonderful message on the "Gospel." He also preached to a gathering of over one thousand people during the night session on "Divine Government" and on the following day he gave a talk on "Missions."

We feel that his visit to Jamaica was a blessing. The zeal of all the workers was inspired by Brother Ingram's picture of his life and work in the foreign fields, and the loving and gentle yet firm, encouraging instructions of the overseer of the work here. The report of the Church's work in Jamaica on the line of Sunday School, Y. P. E., and membership, showed a considerable increase.

Among the special features of the convention was a Y. P. E. program. Brother Ingram said he didn't remember seeing a better program in all his life. We also had some Holy Ghost anointed messages from these different preachers: Eld. N. Archer, Eld. Sam Lewison, Eld. C. A. Morris and Eld. C. T. Johnson. They were at their

best and their words were freighted with the power of God. Scores were at the altar from time to time seeking the Lord and many were sanctified. The exact number of those who received the Holy Ghost is not known. Oh, it was a touching picture indeed to see those dear people coming to the altar feeling the need of their souls being saved. Bishop C. A. Morris gave an instructive talk on Sunday School. Elder W. A. Shaw conducted the testimony service Tuesday night, after which Eld. N. S. McDonald preached the farewell sermon. Sisters Clarkson, Munroe and Baily spoke in fitting words of appreciation of God's blessings on the work on the Island for the year and commended dear Brother Ingram to God's care.

Then after his response the dear overseer, Brother H. A. Hudson, very feelingly gave his closing remarks and the large crowd sang with handkerchiefs waving, "God be with you till we meet again," which brought the convention to a close, and the forty-five ministers present returned to their work on the fields. This convention will long be remembered. We covet your prayers for His continual blessings on the overseer and other workers.—H. T. Gentles, convention secretary.

March 6 a Glorious Day

Crabhill, Barbados, B. W. I.

Dear Church of God family, I feel sure you will all rejoice to know the way the dear Lord is blessing here at Crabhill. March 6 was observed as the 27th anniversary of the Pentecostal work here.

Twenty-seven years ago a small meeting room was erected here by Bishop J. H. Marshall and the work commenced. God blessed it and it grew. Some few years ago it became far too small for humble and faithful worshipers who gathered there to worship God, so with sacrifices they were able to add eight feet to the length of the building. But God has so blessed and added to the church such as want God's best that it has become necessary to rebuild the meeting room.

After the revival last year, during a visit of the writer and Bishop Marshall, we urged the need of this necessary work, and it would have blessed your soul to see how readily they responded and willingly pledged their support to this great need. March 6, therefore, was observed as the day for further effort to raise the money needed, and you will be glad to know that \$23.00 was raised in cash.

And we were able, by taking up a credit at the store on the materials needed, to commence the work of rebuilding the meeting room, making it more than twice as large as it originally was. And they have all undertaken to keep on making every sacrifice and self-denial possible out of their small means as they may get a few cents when work can be got. We are hoping to have the building rededicated on Easter Monday.—J. B. Winter, evangelist.

Mission poem by Fannie S. Foshee, dedicated to Brother and Sister Edwin Stark, missionaries to Africa, who sailed for that land April 7:

The Harvesters

The harvest now is ready,
But the laborers are so few;
The day is drawing to a close,
And yet there's much to do.

Yes, I've answered the summons,
And I'll gladly rise and go;
To those far-off heathen places,
That all men God's love may know.

And one thing we'll ask of thee, friend,
Wilt thou for us watch and pray;
While we go to yon dark country,
To show the lost the King's highway?

Those who place a premium on ignorance will never have any knowledge to put on the market as they have paralyzed their own mind and closed the door to knowledge.

State Conventions

- May 9-15—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.
- May 5-8—Indiana.
- May 12-15—Iowa.
- May 16-20—Ohio.
- May 19-22—Missouri.
- May 26-29—North Carolina.
- June 23-26—Arkansas.
- June 2-5—South Carolina.
- June 2-5—Western Maryland and District of Columbia., Baltimore, Md.
- June 9-12—Virginia.
- June 9-12—Florida.
- June 16-19—Mississippi.
- June 16-19—West Virginia.
- June 18-26—Michigan, Lake Odessa.
- June 28-July 4—North Dakota.
- July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.
- July 7-10—New Mexico.
- July 7-10—Maryland.
- July 14-17—Oklahoma.
- July 14-17—Georgia.
- July 21-24—Kansas.
- July 21-24—Alabama.
- July 28-31—Texas.
- July 28-31—Kentucky.
- August 4-7—Pennsylvania.
- August 4-7—Louisiana.
- August 11-14—Maine.

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Dear Brother Jenkerson:

I cannot praise the course highly enough for what it has meant to me, and for the kindness you have shown me. May the dear Lord bless you abundantly

in your work for Him.—L. C. Pennington.

Wanted—Laborers

The field is already white unto harvest, but the laborers are so very few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers."

Thousands of precious souls are hungry for the "living bread." Who will say, "Lord, send me. I will trust you for the results"? East Texas oil fields are the largest oil fields in the world. But very few preachers are trying to take any of the fields for Christ.

No wonder Jesus said, "When I come again will I find faith on the earth?" What has become of the old-fashioned preacher who used to go out to blaze his own trail, believing God was able to save any place, under any circumstance? Is there a preacher anywhere who has faith to go out and fight the gospel way without a single guitar or a special song, just the sword of the Spirit as his only weapon, and faith, which is the victory that overcomes the world? "The" gospel is the power of God to save souls.

Hundreds of people live in these towns in East Texas who never go to any church. I am sure if a tent was set up and the old-fashioned gospel preached many souls could be saved. I don't know who is turning the call away and doing like Jonah, just going to some place where they look after the financial side.

Yes, money will talk. If I only had the money I think I could get the best evangelist there is. How can they hear without a preacher? I am praying God to give the preachers a vision of the lost world and a burden for souls.—Mrs. Kathryn Thompson, Gladewater, Tex., Box 1232.

REVIVALS

PULASKI, Va.—We praise the Lord because He was so good to send us Brother R. P. Johnson for a meeting of eight nights. God came down in a great way and a number was saved, some sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost for which we praise the Lord. Pulaski is a ripe field and the people are hungry for the Word; they love the Church of God. We thank the Lord for Brothers Walker, Johnson and Dorman. Well, we thank Him for all the Church, it means much to us. Keep praying.—Humbly, W. I. Bass, pastor.

BRILLIANT, Ala.—We are glad to report our revival at Brilliant, Ala. with two saved, one sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. God has blessed wonderfully at this place. Large crowds

attended.—J. S. Douglas.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We had a good revival at the Church of God at Parkersburg, W. Va. with Brother S. B. McCane, pastor, and Sister Nettie Richards, evangelist. It closed after four weeks with fifty-five saved, twenty-eight sanctified, twenty-six filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. We had large crowds. We also have a nice Sunday School and Y. P. E. Our pastor also brought several messages during this revival and Brother T. F. Blackwell, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, gave us a wonderful talk on Sunday morning during the revival. We feel the church was greatly helped. Two Methodist deacons received the Holy Ghost. The Church of God is growing at Parkersburg. Please pray for the work here, and may God bless all who read this.—Miss Irene Doss, clerk.

We have just closed a five weeks' revival here at Leckvill, Ky., the greatest on the district, with Brother W. B. Branham doing the preaching. He is a real Church of God preacher. The house was packed every night and the altar full. We had good music and singing and the Lord blessed. Thirty-five were saved, twenty-three sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine added to the church and thirty-one baptized. Brother Med Roberts is pastor. Brother N. B. Thacker organized a Sunday School and the first Sunday we had seventy-eight in attendance. Brother John H. Adair organized a Y. P. E. with thirty-eight enrolled the first night. We thank and praise the Lord for this great revival and for Brother Branham for he lifted up this church. We thank God for the precious souls He gave us in the revival. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing the last night of the service, which was April 3. Pray for this church.—Mrs. Stella Roberts, Merrimac, W. Va.

GAFFNEY, S. C.—We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. We praise Him for the wonderful three weeks' revival He gave us in March with Brother S. C. Chambers of Blacksburg doing the preaching. Fifty-one were saved, twenty-five sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and eighteen added to the church. The revival spirit is still on. Twelve or more were in the altar Sunday night. Souls are still praying through to victory. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Frank Muller, and his family. God is surely blessing their efforts. I believe our Sunday School has doubled since they came here and our Y. P. E. is growing. We have the state banner now.—H. L. Taylor, 503 E. Frederick St.

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Conventions

Linden, Fla. Dist. Convention

The Linden district convention convened March 19, 20 at Lacoochee, Fla. The convention opened with the Holy Ghost present in a wonderful way. Our beloved state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, brought the afternoon message, which was to the ministers and church officials.

The night service opened with a shout. Sister Jones, leader of the Lacoochee church, gave the welcome address. Response was given by S. P. Chesser, Mrs. E. L. Newton and Mrs. L. Johnson. Then came the official opening of the convention by Brother E. M. Ellis. Brother Doyle Franklin then brought a message. Next was an address by Lemuell Johnson. Three came to the altar seeking more of God and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

Sunday morning the mighty One was present to make the day a success. Our state overseer and his quartet sang which was enjoyed by all. This song was followed by an address by Brother J. W. Coleman, pastor of Rock Hill and Stafford churches. At 11 o'clock Brother Ellis brought a message on missions. A mission offering of \$164.14 was taken, making it the largest this district has ever given. This offering put the Linden district third so far in missions.

We assembled at 2:00 p. m. with congregational singing, after which our hearts were stirred to the depths by the Lacoochee string band and special singing by quartets, etc. Brother Dan Fussell brought a message. A wave of glory seemed to sweep over the people. Bless His Name!

Sister Jones told us why we should be subscribers to the Evangel and the Florida State News, our state paper. Brother E. L. Newton spoke on the Florida Bible School. This Bible School is located at Wimauma, a beautiful location indeed for camp ground and Bible School. We have some of the best Bible teachers that you could hope to find anywhere, to teach at this school. We invite all of you boys and girls as well as the mothers and fathers to go to this school at least one term.

At 4:00 p. m. came the report of churches: Leesburg, Bushnell, Rock Hill, Lacoochee and Linden. All of these churches have either just completed building or remodeling their churches or parsonages. Brother E. L. Newton is our district pastor and a wonderful man to work with. He is appreciated by all.

The convention closed with the good

spirit still in our hearts, and we went back to our places of labor with more determination to win for God and His Church than ever.—L. Johnson.

Lanett, Ala. Dist. Convention

The Lanett district convention, under the direction of H. L. Whittington, state overseer and A. W. Mills, district pastor, convened April 9, 10. Although the attendance was small for the day services on Saturday, a good spirit prevailed and all of the pastors reported that their charges were 100 per cent in all of their Assembly and state requirements. The churches also showed substantial gains in their membership and seemed to be far ahead of their last report. Several original and interesting messages were delivered during the day by the district ministers.

The Saturday night service began with a Y. P. E. program. After the young people's service a regular evangelistic service was held. The writer spoke on the office work of the Holy Ghost, after which an altar service was held with a number in the altar.

Sunday morning the service began at 9:30 with Sunday School interest, after which followed the Evangel drive. This netted forty-three subscriptions. Next was a mission talk by our overseer. An offering was taken for the mission work, which amounted to \$50.00. Last but not least was a good message by H. L. Whittington. After the close of the convention we had a basket dinner.—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary.

Tampa, Fla. Dist. Convention

The Tampa, Fla. district convention convened at Largo, Fla., March 12, 13, with Brother H. L. Chesser, district overseer, in charge. The wonderful presence of the Holy Ghost was felt from the beginning and sweet love, fellowship and unity prevailed throughout the convention.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to singing, praying, asking and answering questions. We feel there was much good done in this service. The Saturday evening service was wonderful indeed. Following the welcome address by Brother V. D. Combs, Brother Geo. D. Lemons preached a soul-stirring message.

Sunday was a great day from the morning devotional until the final adjournment. The Spirit of God prevailed. Brother W. W. Stanfield spoke in behalf of the Evangel and State News; Brother H. L. Chesser spoke in behalf of Florida Bible School; Sister V. D. Combs delivered a wonderful sermon in behalf of the L. W. W. B. and Brother Sam. C. Perry brought us some of the glorious truths of God's Word. We were all very glad to have Brother Perry with us. Brother E.

M. Ellis, our esteemed overseer, spoke in behalf of missions. Our mission offering was \$256.00, which was the largest district mission offering to be taken so far this year in the state of Florida. The Tampa district appreciates Brother Ellis very much. At twelve o'clock dinner was served in the open. Sunday afternoon all enjoyed what we believed was a God-sent message by Brother J. M. Baldree, pastor at Tarpon Springs. The reports of the churches followed which were very good, showing an increase in all departments of the work. It was a pleasure for us to have with us Brother Basil Ellis and wife of Elizabethton, Tenn. We cordially invite them to visit us again.

We feel this was a great convention and are looking forward to an even greater one next year if God wills and Jesus tarries. Brothers and sisters, please pray for us and let's work together and do all we can to help send this glorious gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.—A. W. Brummett, pastor, St. Petersburg, Fla.

N. Mich. Dist. Convention

BIG RAPIDS, Mich.—Brother Paul H. Walker, our state overseer, started a series of meetings Jan. 23 in the Danish Lutheran church and faithfully labored for five weeks and preached some of the best sermons I have ever heard. This is a new field and a very hard place but nothing is impossible with God. At the close of Brother Walker's meetings Sister Kinsley came and held services for three weeks and preached some very good messages under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost, the church some nights being packed with not seating room for all.

At the close of Sister Kinsley's revival the Northern district convention of the Church of God of Michigan convened here, having the Saturday services at the church and the Sunday services at the I. O. O. Q. hall as the church could not accommodate so many people.

To say the convention was a success can't express it; there was a wonderful spirit of unity and Christian fellowship with the waves of glory swinging low and the saints dancing and shouting in the Spirit. Praise God for the heavenly touches from glory that refresh and inspire the soul which is a foretaste of heaven below. Hallelujah! Some said it was the best convention they ever attended. There were some very good messages preached by different ministers on the district—one by our much loved and appreciated state overseer, and the closing message by Sister Kinsley with souls in the altar seeking God.

A church was set in order during the convention with ten members—six new ones and four by transfer. We are look-

ing to God to bless and give us a very good work here. Brother and Sister Moss, returned missionaries from China, were put in charge of the work.

Pray for the work in Big Rapids.—
Sister Armeline N. Cousineau.

Fort Payne, Ala. Dist. Conv'n.

The Fort Payne district meeting convened at Strait Creek church, atop Sand Mountain, April 2, 3. Due to bad weather and poor attendance no business was transacted on Saturday. We heard messages in the forenoon and afternoon by Brothers Tucker and Gallaway. For the night service a better crowd was present, and the first thing on the program was Y. P. E. interest. Brother Abernathy and our overseer made talks in the interest of the young people. Two messages were delivered by B. D. Smith, local pastor, and the writer. A good altar service followed.

A short time Sunday morning was devoted to Sunday School work. Then we had the reporting of the churches. Only three churches are on this district but all were up on their quotas and requirements. Time was then taken for an Evangel drive which netted twenty-one subscriptions. Brother Whittington made a short talk on missions and asked for an offering for same; \$50.00 was raised at this time. Our overseer then delivered a message to the pastors and the laity on their respective duties. We then adjourned for dinner, and what a dinner it was. There were fully five hundred present and not one person left hungry.

In the afternoon good singing was the order of the hour and we had special selections by duets and trios. This, the last session of the convention, was a glorious one. Inspiring talks were made by visiting ministers, and a time of rejoicing was had by all. Two messages were delivered in this service and God signally blessed the efforts of both speakers. The time came to conclude this district convention and about 4:00 p. m. we said good-bye and God bless you, with joyful hearts full of thankfulness to God for His favour in this convention.—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary.

Decatur, Ala. Dist. Conv'n.

Although we had inclement weather for the convention at Decatur, this did not hinder the Lord's working. A goodly number were present Thursday night, March 31, for opening session. The Lord's presence was sensed at once by all in attendance. Brother Crumpton, pastor of the host church and district pastor also, gave the opening address, after which our overseer, Brother Whittington, made a few remarks. A spirited testimony service followed and we were amazed at the number of children who gave in stirring

testimonies about their experiences with the Lord. We were not long in finding out that the people in the Decatur church believe in taking their freedom—and may we ask—why shouldn't they? The writer brought the evening message and a number of souls responded to the altar call.

Friday morning all Alabama, Decatur especially, were experiencing a torrential downpour. However about 9:30 a. m. we gathered at the church for another session and found quite a few present. At this time we had the reporting of the churches and all six churches on the district were one hundred per cent in their Assembly and state requirements. Brother Whittington then delivered a heart-searching message on the duties of pastors and members.

By the time we were ready for the afternoon session the rain had stopped and the sun was shining. This naturally caused the crowd to increase, and too, it lifted our spirits. In this service we had two good messages by pastors on the district. Following their talks our overseer gave a brief but spirited exhortation, concluding it with an altar call that brought a number to the altar. Several of these found the Lord, and at the close of this service we were all in accord in saying that this was the best session of the convention thus far.

A full house was present for the Friday evening and final session, which began at 6:30 p. m. The first hour of this service was devoted to the Y. P. E. and Sunday School work. Next on the program was the Evangel drive and mission offering. The result of this drive was \$50.00 mission offering and thirty-one Evangel subscriptions. Our beloved overseer, H. L. Whittington, then delivered a timely message, thus concluding another successful Alabama district convention—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary.

Middletown and Addyston, O. Districts Convention

The Middletown and Addyston districts convention met here in joint session March 31-April 3 with good attendance every service and the power of the Holy Ghost prevailing. We were permitted to enjoy the greatest convention we have ever had in this section; many expressed it as the greatest they had ever seen.

Our esteemed state overseer was present throughout the convention and gave us several wonderful messages. The speakers were as follows: Brothers John L. Stephens, state overseer, Russell Huff, district pastor, Carl J. Hughes, local pastor, D. W. Coker, Joel Stamper, Oliver Wilson, R. H. Bell, L. A. Murphy, J. W. Hughes, C. Combs, C. B. Huff, Clarence Beagle, J. D. Wilson, C. O.

Hill, Flotus Coffee, Lawrence Hughes, and Sister Beulah Huff.

We certainly have a fine band of young people in our Y. P. E. who believe in giving their best for the Lord and are living clean, holy, consecrated lives and God is putting His approval upon them. We also have a fine Sunday School with a large attendance each Sunday. We won the district banner for last quarter for the largest attendance increase.

We ask the prayers of the saints that we will stand steadfast and unmoved and be faithful to the Master's trust.—
A soldier of the cross, Dean Sowder.

Lenoir, N. C. Dist. Conv'n.

The Lenoir district convention began March 25-27 at Lenoir, N. C. The presence of the Lord was with us in the very beginning. The speakers were at their best, it seemed, and every service was well attended. The church would not seat the people. The churches on the district, which are fourteen, were well represented. Their pastors brought good reports; most of them were up with all quotas required by the state in order to be on the honor roll at the state meeting.

The ministers on this district are a loyal band of workers, working together for the promotion of the work. Brother Williams, our overseer, was at his best in preaching and giving out instructions to ministers, local churches, Y. P. E. and Sunday School officials. The people were liberal in giving. An offering was taken for missions which amounted to \$27.08, an offering was taken on the state parsonage amounting to \$16.20 and a love offering was given the overseer. The blessed Holy Ghost and His presence was great in this convention until the very last.—Henry D. Holclaw, clerk.

Coal River, W. Va. District Convention

The Church of God of the Coal River district convened at Garrison, W. Va. for their annual district convention, March 25-27. Brother R. E. Leadingham, district overseer, was in charge. God wonderfully blessed in each service. We truly praise God for the way the power fell and for the many blessings that were received. Brother E. C. Clark, state overseer, was with us and preached a wonderful sermon on Saturday night. We had several good ministers with us and each one seemed to be on fire for God. Brother L. G. Rouse was with us in one service and preached for us and prayed for the sick.

On Saturday night Brother Alex Daniels fell under the mighty power of God. He lay about two hours and gave out a wonderful message to the saints. Other messages were given out under the

mighty power of God and interpretations given.

On Sunday night the Y. P. E. had a program that was enjoyed by all. Just before the play Brother Cowley, our Y. P. E. superintendent, had the audience to stand for one minute in silent memory of our beloved brothers and sister who had been called from our midst during the past year. Their faces were sadly missed but we feel heaven has been enriched by their departure.

Earnestly pray for our district to continue to prosper. Pray for our district overseer for God to continue to bless his work. We truly thank the Lord for the way He has blessed the work over the district in good revivals and many ways. Pray for our church at Seth.

We have a fine Willing Workers Band organized with about fifteen active members, all doing fine work. God has been blessing every effort put forth. We truly have much to thank the Lord for. Please remember us in your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Edith Atkins, clerk, Comfort, W. Va.

Knoxville, Tenn. District Convention

The Knoxville district convention convened at the Eighth Avenue Church of God, Knoxville, April 1-3, with Brother W. J. Milligan, pastor at Cleveland, in charge, our overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, being absent on account of important business.

The convention opened with a large attendance. Heaven came down and blessed each one who testified in the testimony service. The presence of the Lord was felt and enjoyed by all. We had special singing by the Salyers sisters and Blackwood family. Ministers who spoke during the convention were: Brothers Robert E. Blackwood, Grady Hodges, W. J. Milligan, Charles Plotts of Jefferson, Iowa, and B. F. Cooper.

Brother Milligan spoke on the orphans and an offering of \$22.15 was received for same. He also brought a message on missions Sunday morning after which an offering of \$43.42 was taken. How we did thank the Lord for this good offering. Sunday afternoon we had reports of the churches. Every church on the district was represented, and how we thank God for such grand reports. We shouted, danced, laughed and cried for joy. Our hearts were made glad. Revivals, revivals were reported, people being filled with the Holy Ghost in every church. Thank God, I feel heaven in my soul now.

The convention came to a close with a song, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," handshakes and good-byes until just a few days when our state convention will

convene in Knoxville—July 1-3. Come, we need you.—Bessie Jones, 2732 McCalla Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Lake Wales, Fla. Dist. Conv'n.

The Lake Wales, Fla. district convention convened at Avon Park, Feb. 26, 27. Services began Saturday afternoon with Brother E. M. Ellis in charge. During this service a business session was held. The welcome address was given by Brother S. J. Whitener with response by Sister Howe. We enjoyed having visiting ministers with us. Brother B. L. Hicks of Arcadia gave a talk which was enjoyed. Brother Ray Lee brought a message, followed by one by Brother T. J. Wells. Both talks were food to our souls.

Sunday morning Brother B. W. Watson brought us a wonderful message. Following our state overseer gave a talk which was enjoyed. The Lord blessed our souls. The mission offering was taken amounting to \$142.00. This more than doubled the offering of last year. After thanking and praising the Lord for the offering we spread dinner.

In the afternoon a talk was given by Brother Howe. Then each pastor gave a report of his church. The work in the district is moving along nicely, with our faithful district pastor, Brother Wiggins, doing his best for the district. We're glad to report that we had the Sunday School and Y. P. E. banners in this district. Winter Haven has the Sunday School banner and Avon Park has the Y. P. E. banner. Come on, churches, let's keep them in our district. The convention closed with a wonderful testimony service led by Brother Walter Whidden. The Lord met with us in each service.—Mrs. C. E. Godwin, Avon Park, Fla.

NOTICES

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We are going to have a fellowship day the first Sunday in May. We invite everybody to come bring a full basket as there will be dinner on the ground and all-day service. We welcome all denominations, come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.—Maud Livingston, Rt. 1, Box 44, Poplar Grove, Ark.

The Bristol, Tenn. district convention will convene at Erwin, Tenn., May 6-8. Everybody is welcome. Bring a basket of good eats for a dinner spread on Sunday. M. P. Cross, state overseer, will be in charge.—W. E. Johnson, district pastor, 1249 Chestnut St., Kingsport, Tenn.

We will have home coming and dedication service at the Alarka, N. C. Church of God, May 8 with dinner spread on the ground for all. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, is to be with us, also Brother L. J. Stone, district pastor, and

many other good preachers. We insist that everybody bring a good offering for our state parsonage. We plan to start a revival at this time and desire the prayers of all that we will have an old-time, Pentecostal revival. We expect to have Brother Stone with us in this revival.—T. L. Willix, pastor, Alarka, N. C.

Happy greetings dear Alabama Sunday School workers. I'm glad to report that Anniston won the banner back, the March record shows. Next to Anniston came Parkwood and third place is held by Blossburg. I notice there was a noticeable decrease in some of our largest schools. Now let's get busy this lovely spring month and change that quickly, lest the tempter discourages someone. Have you gone to all the homes around and asked them to come to Sunday School? If not, maybe someone is just waiting for an invitation. I have plenty report blanks. If I have missed you, please send me a card and I'll attend to this. You can reach me at Phenix City, Ala., Rt. 2, or Rt. 1, Box 110 a, Montgomery, Ala. God bless you every one.—Lottie Baird, Sunday School superintendent of Alabama.

We are now in a revival at Elbert, W. Va. We need your prayers that God will give us a great revival. To the evangelists Jesus said, Go ye. To all He said, Watch and pray. God bless all at Salem, Lester and Marfrance. We are praying for you.—G. C. Smith, Elbert, W. Va.

There will be a home coming at New Town Church of God, five miles east of Roswell, Ga., May 22. We invite everybody to come with well-filled baskets and a good offering for missions. We invite our district overseer to be with us. We will have communion service and feet washing. You are invited.—H. L. King, pastor, Marietta, Ga.

The Augusta, Ga. district convention will convene at the Church of God near Matthews, Ga., May 6-8. Our state overseer, Brother J. C. Jernigan, will be in charge. To all the preachers on the district, we will be looking for you at this convention. Come on with your missions and aged ministers' fund and let's be one hundred per cent. We will spread dinner Sunday, May 8. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket.—G. S. Scott, district pastor, Keysville, Ga.

The Marion, Va. district convention will convene at the Church of God in Bastian, Va., May 13-15, starting on Friday night at 7:30. You are invited. Come, and may our glimpse of the cross render to us great spiritual enrichment.—Emmett Vaught, district pastor, Chilhowie, Va.

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Obituaries

WARDEN

Brother Thomas R. Warden, bishop in the Church of God, was born May 26, 1895 at Greentown, Ohio and died at his home at 1144 Clarendon Ave., S. W., Canton, Ohio at the age of forty-two years.

He became a Christian at the age of twenty-four and served God faithfully to the end. He became affiliated with the great Church of God in 1922. He was ordained bishop in 1927. He held the pastorate of the Church of God in Canton for five years.

A short time before he came in con-



THOMAS R. WARDEN

tact with the Church, he, feeling the call of God, opened a mission here in Canton. He was trying to walk in the light as it was shed on his pathway. The Church of God had already been revealed to him by the Lord before he ever knew that such an institution existed, but God always sees the honest hearts and leads them aright. One day a minister of God brought him the much-welcomed message on the Church of God and he received it immediately. In a short time he turned his work over to the Church but did not without trials. Brethren, whom he thought would see as he did, turned coldly away and the Church of God in Canton started with only eight members.

Brother Warden was always known for preaching the gospel straight and without compromise in any form. All who knew him loved him for his straightforwardness and holy boldness. He was known for his hospitality, his willingness to aid those in need, and for his generosity toward God's cause. Truly, one of the Church's best workers is gone.

He was never happier than when he was declaring the Word of God to a lost and dying world. He had his ideals and his aims which were guided by the Spirit of God. In these he never let down and lived what he preached to the day of his death.

The church here in Canton feels honored to have had such a member, a member that leaves behind a record unstained and unspotted by the world.

It is rather a coincident that the last convention sermon he preached at the Ohio state convention was on the subject, "Sound Doctrine," the doctrine by which he lived and died. His last words to me over the telephone on Saturday evening were, "I'll see you in the morning." Little did he dream it would be in that great morning.

God's glory hovered over him to the grave. Those present say this was one of the most wonderful funerals they ever attended. It is estimated that six hundred attended. The crowds were accommodated by loud speakers. In the midst of all our grief, the sweet presence of God enfolded us till even hardhearted sinners felt it. The effects from this funeral are still being felt by saint and sinner.

We, who are left behind, cannot understand why God saw fit to take from us one so able, so dearly loved, and so young when he might have been a soldier of the cross yet for many years, but we've learned that God's way is the best way and we know that, "Farther along, we'll know more about it; Farther along, we'll understand why!"

Certainly he will be missed greatly by his family, by those with whom he came in contact at his work. There will be an unfilled place in the ranks of his home church, and a vacant chair in the ranks of the ministry; but we know he's gone to a better place.

He leaves to mourn their loss his mother, Mrs. Amanda Warden, his wife, Mrs. Clara Warden, and three daughters, Gladys, Alice and Betty, all of the home.

Brothers J. L. Stephens, D. G. Phillips, R. J. Staats, and J. H. Hughes officiated at the services. Ministers attended from various parts of the state. Burial was made in Greentown cemetery.

No greater honor could be given him than the words of David concerning Abner in 2 Sam. 3:28, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a mighty man fallen this day in Israel?"—Joseph Hughes, pastor, Canton, Ohio.

SANDERS

Uncle Billie Sanders died Dec. 17, 1937 at Liberty, Miss. He was seventy-four years of age. The funeral service

was conducted by Brother H. M. Taylor, pastor of the Church of God at Mary Springs. Brother Sanders was a member of the Church of God at Kentwood, La.—One who loved him, his pastor, F. M. Fitzgerald, Kentwood, La.

BRUHL

In memory of my mother who died March 22, 1937 at the age of eighty-nine years. She was a member of the Church of God at Shepherds Fold, La. church. Her body was laid to rest in the Bruhl cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, O. L. McManous.—Sister F. M. Fitzgerald, Kentwood, La.

VAUGHAN

Little Stover Vaughan, Jr. was born Sept. 19, 1933 and died Oct. 29, 1933, age one month and ten days. The funeral was conducted by Brother Prawlm and his body laid to rest in the family cemetery at Centerville, N. C.—Mrs. Ella Vaughan, Warrenton, N. C.

GUPTON

Our dear mother, Mrs. J. T. Gupton, died March 17, 1938, age sixty-three years. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. M. Riggins and her body laid to rest in the family cemetery in Centerville, N. C. Pray that her husband and four daughters will meet her on the other shore.—One who dearly loved her mother, Mrs. Ella Vaughan, Warrenton, N. C.

MORGAN

Rebecca Larvene Morgan, loving daughter of Ray and Amanda Morgan, was born Aug. 27, 1920 and died Feb. 26, 1938, age eighteen years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Hayesville, N. C. Our pastor, Brother Glover Ledford, conducted the funeral and her body was laid to rest at Andrews, N. C.—One who loved her, her aunt, Mollie Kilby.

CARBEREY

Mrs. Eliza Carberey departed this life March 29, 1938 at the age of seventy-four years. Mother was a real Christian. Funeral service was conducted by E. B. Merele and W. I. Head. Her body was laid to rest in the Lone Star cemetery.—One who loved her dearly, Elizabeth Hickman, her daughter.

LOTHAM

Rebecca Lotham passed away Nov. 18, 1937. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost before she died. The funeral service was conducted by Overseer H. A. Hudson, W. A. Shaw, pastor, and Brother Thomas and her body laid to rest in the church cemetery.—Her niece, E. A. Munroe, Jam., B. W. I.

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Requests

Please pray for the healing of my wife's body. She is in the hospital at Welch, W. Va. Prayer is the only thing that can accomplish this.—R. T. Gibson, Wharncliffe, W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly and fervently for two long unspoken requests. Pray that God will answer them in the name of Jesus.—Mrs. Larsen, Lansing, Mich.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for the healing of our two little girls who have some kind of fever. We know God can heal and have trusted Him about seven or eight years.—Mrs. Walter B. Gannon, Rt. 2, Box 29, Holly Grove, Ark.

Dear readers, please pray for my dear mother. She was in a car wreck and is very low. My mother is in the Gainesville hospital. Also pray for my sister who needs prayer. Brother Rouse, will you please pray a special prayer for them? Pray till your prayers go through and fast for my dear mother, if you feel led. Pray for us, we are in a revival at Demory Hill and don't know when we will get back to start again, but just as soon as we can.—Mrs. Emmett Butler, Horseshoe, Fla.

Please pray for two dear friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They are eighty odd years of age and have no children to care for them and are feeble. Brother Rouse, pray for them, they believe in God's healing power. The poor old sister's back pains her and his eyes are bad. Please take their request to heart. Also pray for me. Pray that I will get closer to God. I have a request which I have been praying for a long time. It would mean so much to me. Please pray that this request will be granted.—Mrs. W. D. Hamrick, Roswell, Ga., Rt. 1.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for me to be healed of sick headache. I have suffered all my life with it and the doctor told me once that there was no cure for the cause of sick headache, that anyone would outgrow it, but I am getting up in years and the older I get the worse and oftener I have it. I have trusted the Lord for many years and have been healed many times of different diseases except the cause of sick headache and I know God can heal that too. I also suffer with rheumatism. My husband also asks every child of God to pray a special prayer for him to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Pray that our children will be saved.—A sister, Mrs. Sallie Bishop, Berryton, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for me and mine. Pray that I will be completely healed of mastoid trouble which I have had ever since I was a small child. I have been touched at different times by His healing power and I am expecting to be made completely whole.—Mrs. Maurice Gilbert, Box 3, Glamorgan, Va.

Dear saints, please pray for my wife to be healed and do the Lord's will. This is very urgent. Pray, for I want to see my children saved. I need to be in the gospel work more, so please help me by praying. Brother Rouse, pray that we might be completely healed and all serve the Lord and do His will.—Your brother, Frank Raynor, Oneida, Tenn.

Pray for us that the Lord will use us here to His glory and that He will open a way for a Church of God at this place.—Chas. A. Williams, Washburn, Mo.

Please pray for the healing of my sister's body. She is in a very bad condition and needs help from God. If God doesn't undertake, she can't live long. Pray much for her. She is Mrs. R. H. Oliver, 1313 Broad St., Bristol, Tenn.—Miss Vernie Tillison, 1203 Norfolk Ave., Bristol, Va.

Pray a special prayer for my brother who is paralyzed. He has been in bed for five years unable to help himself. It looks like he can't live; if God doesn't undertake, he will never be healed. He surely needs your prayers. Pray that he will be saved before it is too late. Don't forget to pray for him and other loved ones in sin.—Mrs. Ethel Shope, Rabun Gap, Ga.

Pray for the healing of my daddy. He has had a light stroke and we are about to lose him. Also pray for my husband, he is a sinner. He made a start two times but got discouraged every time.—Mrs. R. L. Boyd, Gen. Del., Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Pray much for me. I am having a hard time trying to live a Christian life in my home. Please get me on your heart. Pray hard for my lost girl and for the Church of God in Beallwood. Pray for Sister Lee.—Mrs. W. M. Yawn, Rt. 1, Columbus, Ga.

Pray a special prayer for my brother who is seriously ill with a cancer. All who feel led to anoint a handkerchief or cloth, please do so and write him an encouraging letter. He can't live long unless the Lord heals him. His address is Albert Fields, Rt. 5, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Also pray for my little boy who has a paralyzed hand.—Mrs. Ruby

O'Neal, 2618 Columbus St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Please remember me in prayer as I am real sick. Pray that Jesus will help me to bear my troubles and remember my unsaved brother and children in your prayers.—Elizabeth Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

Remember my aunt, Mrs. Joseph Henkle, in special prayer for healing of rheumatism.—Mrs. R. C. Hugendubler, Palmyra, Pa.

Pray for my sister who is unsaved. She has a little girl that cannot talk much, her speech has always been bad. You can hardly understand anything she says. Please take this request to God that she might be healed. Pray for me to stay humble and be ready at any time Jesus should come or call.—Mamie Hebert, Crichton, Ala.

Pray that God will give me and my husband health and strength.—Mrs. J. H. Fortenberry, R. F. D. 3, Philadelphia, Miss.

Please pray a special prayer for me. I am in awful trouble from a health standpoint. I've been ill thirty-five years. Now my heart is bad and the doctor says the nerves in it are congested; too, I'm very nervous.—Mrs. C. Hardee, Box 104, Sebastian, Fla.

I am suffering from an inward cancer and all my strength is gone. I haven't strength hardly to walk at times. Please fast and pray. Saints, don't pass this up. Pray that I will ever stand true.—Mrs. W. A. Barlow, Rt. 2, Utica, Miss.

We have started a work in Forsyth, Ga. and want you to pray for us. Pray for God to send a good old-time Holy Ghost revival in this place and that a church may be established. Also pray for us to be humble and faithful in Christ.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Allen Childree and wife, 101 Ave. K, Thomaston, Ga.

Please pray for Virgil Stewart. He has backslidden. Also pray for a man and woman who have a bad habit, also for a boy who wants to join the army. Pray that God will not let him join. Also pray for other unspoken requests.—Mrs. Virgil Stewart, Clarkesville, Ga.

Dear saints of God, please pray a special prayer for me that God will bless me and help me to get to where He can use me for His glory and honor. Pray earnestly for me that by the grace of God I'll overcome the tobacco habit and be a humble servant for the Lord. We have no Church of God here; pray that God will bless and send someone here to

help us and establish a Church of God. Pray for my two children that God will heal their bodies, also pray for my wife that God will increase her faith. Pray for John Surlock that God will give him overcoming power and last of all, please remember me in my hours of trouble. If any one wishes to come here to my home, they will be greatly welcomed to come to Morley, Tenn. Inquire for Mrs. Adam Davis or if any one wishes to write me, giving me advice as to what to do, it will be highly appreciated.—Robert Davis, Rt. 1, Box 50, Duff, Tenn.

Dear saints, please pray that my loved ones who are in sin will be saved. I have bad eyes, so please pray for them. Pray that I will get to go to the Assembly this year. Pray that I will hold out faithful until He comes or calls for me.—Miss Ira Bord, R. F. D. 3, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body, I have stomach trouble and my heart bothers me. I also have smothering spells. Pray for my husband, he is sick almost all the time. He has spinal trouble and had a stroke the first of March. Pray for us to stay humble at the cross. Pray that our children will be saved.—A sister, Mrs. J. W. Webb, Rt. 1, Ooltewah, Tenn.

Please pray for a family that has some kind of skin disease. Also pray for our church and Sunday School, they are on the upward move.—Pauline Palmer, Silver Point, Tenn.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for the complete healing of my body. Pray for me to get closer to the Lord, I am not as close as I would like to be. Pray that the Lord will give me more faith.—Mrs. Melvin Strong, Rt. 1, Lepanto, Ark.

Please pray for me and my husband that we may be healed and become stronger and hold out faithful. Also pray for my little niece that she may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer for my husband to be healed of catarrh of the head.—Mrs. Sarrah Sharpe, Robbinsville, N. C.

Dear saints, will you please fast some and pray earnestly for Sister Minnie Seybt of Prosperity, S. C. to be healed of diabetes, gangrene in her right foot and ankle, heart trouble and high blood pressure? I am the only Church of God person near her. She has improved some since I came to her but I feel the need of all I can get to fast and pray for her case. She is doing all she can to stand for divine healing.—Mrs. J. H. Evans, Rt. 4, Prosperity, S. C.

Dear saints, I have a sick boy, he has T. B. I know God can heal him; he has been healed before. Brother Rouse and others, please pray for me and my boy. He is sixteen years old and just weighs seventy-five pounds. I am sick too, so I want the good old Church of God to pray that God will heal my body and save me and that God will heal my body. I am a backslider but I have the faith. Pray that God will help me not to worry so. I want to live for God. I have lots of trouble and want you to pray for God to help me and heal my body. Also pray for Woodrow Aldridge to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. H. T. Spurlock, Yolyn, W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray for me to be healed. The physician said I had a head trouble. My nose bleeds and it makes me feel so weak and bad. I know the power of God is sufficient. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer for me. Fast and pray that God will heal me.—Mrs. I. M. Knight, Rt. 1, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

A revival began at Lenoir, N. C. April 17 and will continue indefinitely, Brother H. L. Sorrow doing the preaching. All are cordially invited to attend. Please pray for the success of this revival. Near-by churches, make a special effort to be in service with us through the week.—W. M. Stallings, pastor.

We started a revival at Jonesville, N. C. April 17 with Brother M. H. Lamb doing the preaching. We earnestly desire the prayers of the Evangel family. This is indeed a needy town. Also pray for Brother K. B. Couch. God bless you in your work.—R. C. Triplett, Jonesville, N. C.

Please pray for me, I live a good distance from church and don't get to go as I would like to. I have neglected prayer and feel cold in the Spirit. I want to live closer. Pray for my little boy, he has some kind of head disease. Also pray for my husband who doesn't believe in holiness. Pray that I'll raise my children in the way they should go.—Mrs. Annie Harrison, Rt. 1, Fackler, Ala.

Pray for me and my little family. This is a needy place. We live about ten miles from church and don't get to go often. Pray for the Lord to make a way for us to be in His services more and do more for Him. Pray for God to put it on some God-called preacher to come here and run a revival and pray that lost souls will be saved.—Viola Morris, Rt. 2, Gadsden, Ala.

Please pray for God to heal my gums of pyorrhea. They are very bad but I know God can heal. Pray for us to stand

true and win souls for God.—Sister J. E. Holloway, Darnell St., Boaz, Ala.

I was in an automobile wreck March 28 and got a very bad cut on my head, my right leg was broken and I was bruised up rather badly. God's people began to pray for me and I have been mending rapidly. The doctor told me the other night that I nearly got killed. I don't give anyone credit for my speedy recovery but Jesus. Of course, I am not completely healed but I know God is able to heal. Please, everyone, pray a special prayer for me that my leg might grow back as straight as ever and that it won't be shorter than the other one.—Miss Margaret Bradshaw, Box 184, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dear saints, I request you to pray earnestly for me that I may get back with God to where I have been—not only where I have been but a greater experience. God saved, sanctified and filled me with the good Holy Ghost in about two or three hours' time. Thank God. I was all over the house. About two weeks after that the preachers were going to leave and no one was there to preach so I got worried about no one being there to preach and I asked God what could we do with no one there to help us along. While I was praying a voice about arm's length on the right side said, You can preach, so the next week I started preaching and about three years it seemed I could not live if I didn't preach.

Then I let conditions get in the way and began to let off. I haven't preached but about four times in eight years and it doesn't seem I can preach again if I had a chance, and I don't know how to get back to God, if the dear saints don't hold me up in prayer. I was saved in June, 1920. I want to get back with God. I have fasted until I am sick trying to get back and all I know to do is to keep trying. Oh, I had rather preach the gospel with the anointing on my life than to do anything I have ever done.

Young preachers, don't fail God. You know after the rich man went to hell he surely wished he were out, so when a man fails God he surely wishes he had not. May God bless all.—Your brother, J. R. Clement, Hammon, Okla.

Please pray for my mother who has been sick with pellagra for two months. She seems to be better, pray that God will completely heal her. Pray for a neighbor's little boy who is sick. The doctor says there isn't any cure but God can heal. Also pray for my body, I have heart and kidney trouble. Pray for my family to be saved and that I will stand true.—Maude Goodson, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

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WHY SUFFERING?

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So although it is true that there are certain aspects of suffering which are problematical to our finite minds, yet most of the affliction around us is explainable in the light of the Word. The Scriptures become a light to our pathway in the midst of the world's great sorrows and strife. Only in the light of God's Word shall we see light (Ps. 36: 9), and our hearts are there reassured that God has control and that He has not forgotten His own, and also that all things are working out according to His wise and loving purposes.—*Gospel Herald*.

EDITORIALS

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if he expects to be happy and useful and always continue in that joyous way of sunshine and bliss that God alone can give. We may love God and yet find remains of things that are imperfect, frets, and worries, if we will only give way to them. The only way to get rid of these things that are of the world, is to follow that stream of love that only comes from God. Though we may have this sweetness of love in our hearts, we will still cry to our Father and pant and thirst after the unsearchable riches of God's great blessings. The love of God quite often cannot be satisfied to settle down in homelike rest and comfort. If we do our tempers or things that will molest and trouble us will spring up and we will find ourselves doubting this great experience.

If we should be able to retain this great experience, we will have to keep prayerful and use our faith, exercise the higher range of love, faith, and purity. A Christian life that is not constantly engaged in the service of the Lord will have more or less trouble entertaining their experience of threefold holiness and perfect love.

ADVANTAGE

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lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ."

WHY?

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

REQUESTS

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Please pray for an unspoken request that the Lord will undertake and that my children may see the light and be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

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Please pray for my little boy who is run-down in health and appetite. Also pray for another boy of mine who has lots of sores. I trust the Lord with everything. Also pray for my husband who is seeking the Lord and trying to quit tobacco. Pray for him to lose the taste for it.—Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Homerville, Ga.

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Please pray that I will always stay humble and obedient. Also pray for my drunken husband and family. Please fast and pray if you feel led of the Spirit.—Mrs. Wallace Price, R. F. D. 1, Box 47, Foxworth, Miss.

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We started a revival March 27 at Swainsboro, Ga. with Brother J. A. Hipps, pastor, doing the preaching, in one of the new state tents. God is blessing in a wonderful way; the altar is full of seekers. Pray hard for this meeting that God will continue to bless and the harvest will be reaped. We are striving for a church building here, pray that God will bless us in our efforts. We appreciate our pastor and his family.—Frankie Mae Moxley, Swainsboro, Ga.

REVIVALS

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N. GREENVILLE, S. C.—We praise God for what He is doing at Greenville, S. C. We are in a revival that has been going for six weeks. Sisters Myrtle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson came here Feb. 25 and preached five weeks. They left a revival spirit here and the fire burning. While they were with us ninety-three were saved, sixty sanctified, forty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost and sixteen added to the church. Sisters Whitehead and Jackson are wonderful preachers. We are glad to report a grand total of one hundred seventeen conversions, seventy-six sanctified, fifty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-five added to the church in North Greenville since the Assembly. We have a good Sunday School, our attendance last Sunday was two hundred and one. This is a new church, just built last year. Praise God, the church here is on the upward march. Please pray for us.—James W. Moore, 104 3rd Ave., Park Place.

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HAMILTON, Ohio.—The Church of God at 7th and Chestnut Sts. is rising and shining for God under the leadership of our dear pastor, Carl J. Hughes. Our dear Savior has been smiling upon

us and has given us two wonderful revivals, one conducted by Brother and Sister Orion L. Alewine for five weeks in which fifty-nine were saved, thirty-four sanctified, forty-six filled with the Holy Ghost, forty baptized in water, and thirty-six added to the church; the other conducted by Brother Theo Jones, a young man seventeen years of age. He surely is a firebrand for God. To date there have been fifty saved, several have received the Pentecostal experience and the revival continues. Pray for it to be a greater success.—Dean Sowder.

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STANTON, Tex.—The Church of God at Stanton, Tex. closed a revival April 3. The power of God fell and the Holy Ghost took charge several times and there wasn't any preaching. The altar was full every night. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. About six were saved, eleven sanctified, twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost and seventeen added to the church. We had Brother Suiter of Lannius helping us. He is a man of God and a good evangelist. Pray for us because we still have the devil to fight.—Jack Gilbert, pastor, Gen. Del.

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PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We are glad to report victory and the good revival just closed at the South Side Parkersburg, W. Va. church. This meeting started March 6 and closed April 3, under the direction of Brother S. B. McCane, pastor. This has been a mission of the Parkersburg church but thank God we set a church in order here with fifteen members. Sister Nettie Richards was the evangelist and she did some wonderful preaching. About eight were saved, six sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother McCane set the church in order April 3 with fifteen members. Brother C. E. Beckett is the clerk. Please pray for this new work. Brother McCane is our pastor.—C. E. Stevenson.

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WALKERTOWN, W. Va.—The Lord blessed in a wonderful way in our five weeks' revival. Forty-three were saved, fourteen sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty added to the church. It was the best meeting Walkertown has had for years, in fact, I don't know if they ever had one where so many people prayed through. Sister Christeen Hyre did the preaching. The Lord is still blessing here and the revival spirit is still here. Pray for me and the work here.—Mrs. J. I. Garretson, Besoco, W. Va.

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The person who has a true message will not object to his hearers' putting it on the doubtful list until they have time to look it over with the eyes of their own mind to O. K. it.

BRIEF REPORTS

FROM THE FIELD

Brother Alewine closed a revival here March 19. God blessed in a great way. Many were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, baptized and united with the Church of God. Our Sunday School average this quarter was 465; record attendance was 1,005. This is the greatest year for the Middletown church we have ever had so far. We hope to continue by the help of God. Pray for us.—J. D. Wilson, 2008 Tytus Ave., Middletown, Ohio.

LADONIA, Tex.—Our district fellowship meeting which convened March 20 at Ladonia church, is now in history, and we are sure everyone who attended was richly blessed of the Lord and enjoyed the good fellowship of the saints. This meeting was well attended by the saints from over the Paris district, also we had some visiting saints from the Sulphur Springs district. We enjoy these meetings which prove to be uplifting. Saints everywhere, visit us. The Lord is in our midst. Pray for us at this place.—J. T. Melton, pastor.

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—I praise God for the Father and for His goodness to me and for our church. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Gann. We feel that they are people of God. We desire your prayers for our church. Every time we meet the Lord meets with us and just blesses our souls. Pray that we will have more love one for another and be more humble and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley.

DRUMRIGHT, Okla. — God has blessed us with a wonderful revival here in which nineteen were saved, fifteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church.

We had decided to set the church in order March 25 and God sent Brother Campbell, overseer of Kansas, to help us and we surely needed him. Brother Campbell brought a message on government, which was surely food for our souls. May God bless him in his work. Then we welcomed eight members into the church and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

Brother William Melson and I have been preaching here for two months and God has blessed our ministry here. Pray for this new work. We are praying for a building to worship in. Pray for Sister Brown and me as we are staying to pas-

tor the new work here.—Paul J. Brown, Gen. Del.

GINGERHILL, P. O., Jam., B. W. I. —A meeting was held at the Jones Hill church from March 15-18 under the supervision of C. A. McIntosh, pastor. Those who preached were Elder C. A. McIntosh, Sister Doman, Brother Ezekiel Griffiths, Brother Peart, Sister McIntosh, and Brother J. Farquharson. Three were saved during the services. The Sunday School was also organized March 20 by V. C. Peart, district superintendent.—T. C. Jones.

ROANOKE, Va.—We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing here at Roanoke, Va. God is in our midst and we praise Him for His mighty power. We praise Him for His great healing power. We also praise Him for our good pastor and his wife, they're real Church of God workers. Brother Houck put on a drive to raise the money to pay the notes on our church and he raised one hundred dollars in a few days. The W. W. B. has made over a hundred dollars and have paid off five notes on the church parsonages. They are surely workers. The Lord is surely good to us. Oh, how we need to pray for God to save lost souls. Pray that God will continue to bless us here at Roanoke. Pray that God will heal our baby boy as he is very sick.—Humbly, Mrs. H. D. Riddleburger, clerk.

LINDSAY, Okla.—Dear saints, we have been traveling since the Assembly. The Spirit of God said, Go to Moody, Tex., week before last. We went and preached. We prayed for a woman who had the dropsy fourteen months and a man who had been sick in bed three years. Thank God, He healed them. The woman got out of bed and shouted after she had to be turned in bed for so long. Both the man and woman were saved with the power of God all over them. Another old lady, a hundred years old, was healed of flu. She was saved, thank God. Please pray for me and family that we will obey His voice. We have four children who have the Holy Ghost and are working for God.—Turner and Letha Hall.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Dear saints, God is blessing us, we still have the victory here. There have been forty-six added to the church this year. We have a nice wooden building that will seat around 350 but it is too small. We have

around 40,000 brick already laid on a \$10,000 brick veneer building. This building is almost as large as the Greenville, S. C. church. It will seat 800. It will be modern in every respect with basement with classrooms in it and heating system. It will be the second nicest building in the state of South Carolina. Pray for us. God is wonderfully helping us with the building. We are going to put it over by the help of the Lord.—C. E. McAbee, pastor, 308 Parker St.

SNYDER, Okla.—Truly I love the Lord this morning. I praise Him because He saved, sanctified and healed me so many times. I love this good way of holiness, it just suits me. Sometimes the cross gets heavy to bear but Jesus never fails. Praise His name. Dear saints, pray for me that I will ever stand true to the Lord and do His will.—Mrs. Margie McConnell, Gen. Del.

PONTIAC, Mich. — Dear saints, I praise God for full salvation. We thank Him for our good pastor and family, Brother and Sister C. W. Florence. They are a real blessing to the church. Four have received the Holy Ghost in the last month just in our regular services. My husband was one who received the blessing. Truly God is pouring out His Spirit, getting His children ready for His coming. Please pray for my dad, mother, two sisters and two brothers that God will save their souls before it is too late. Also pray for the revival here that God will save many souls. Pray for me to have more power with the Lord and hold out faithful.—Gladys Thompson, 400 Elm St.

We thank God for His goodness toward us here. On Nov. 20 I started a revival here and souls were saved and sanctified. A church was set in order with eleven members. I thank God for the Church of God and its teachings.

We started in March to build a church and we want every church to have a special prayer for us that God will make a way for us to go over the top for God, and the Church of God will be a light-house to the people at Leroy. As I am new in the work I need the prayers of all the people. I have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. We are praying for the mayor, chief of police and others of the town who are against us. Our average attendance in Sunday School at present is twenty-five. Young People's Endeavor average attendance at present is thirty. When our church is completed we will far beat this record.—William T. Thomas, pastor, Clinton, Ill., Rt. 4.

I praise God today for His love and

the sweet Holy Ghost that abides in my heart. I ask everyone to pray for us in Jacksonville. We are building a new church here and God is blessing. We already have the church going up. We thank and praise God for the way He has already blessed. We all appreciate our pastor, Brother J. T. Roberts. He doesn't fail to preach the gospel and doesn't compromise with any.—J. L. Smith, Jacksonville, Fla.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — The Sunday School rally of the Somerset, Pa. district was held at Johnstown Church of God over which Brother Singo presided. The meeting was attended by a large crowd. We were all encouraged by the splendid reports of the superintendents of the district. We feel that God has given the Sunday School work here a new touch of fire this year and we are going over the top.

We were favored in having our state overseer, Brother Roy Staats, and our state superintendent, Brother David Lykens, with us. Brother Harrison, our district overseer, gave an interesting talk on Sunday School. An offering of \$10.00 was taken for state headquarters. The speakers gave some good food for thought and we, like David of old, can say it was good to go up to the house of the Lord.—Miss Lovina Box, 111 Derby St.

FERRIS, Tex.—I am glad I am still filled with the Holy Ghost. All of the churches that Brother L. G. Rouse visited were helped so much. He came to Ferris Jan. 26. Oh, I know it was a God-send, for he prayed for my husband and God saved him. Pray that God will bless him with the Holy Ghost, for he is seventy-six years old. He is really saved and sanctified. Pray for this church. We are having large crowds in the young people's meetings. We have 150 on roll. Pray for them.

Just a few words in regard to Brother Marks. I have known him ever since I got the Holy Ghost at Palmer, and we had with him with us at Ferris in November, 1937 and I found him a true blue Church of God preacher and the doors are open to him any time he comes back, and, Brother L. G. Rouse, if you see this, and ever come this way again, please give us a visit. May God bless all of His children.—Maggie Bates, Box 84.

I praise God for everything He is to me. I praise Him for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for Brother Ogden. He is a real man of God. He came here and ran a week's meeting. He surely had a battle. There was one soul saved and one reclaimed, but praise

the Lord, we are now reaping the results. For nearly two weeks we have been having prayer meeting in our home and three have received the Holy Ghost and one has been sanctified. Praise the dear Lord, my companion was healed of a goitre which she had suffered with for many years. I really praise God for sending Brother Ogden here to trouble the waters, so to speak, that these precious souls might have this great blessing. Pray that God will continue to save souls in our little prayer meetings and pray for the work at St. Matthew church. I have little children who are unsaved, remember them in your prayers.—Albert Lumley, Lyons, Ga.

NOTICES

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Mother's Day we are going to have home coming and all-day service and dinner on the ground. Come and bring a basket and let's enjoy the good blessing together. We invite the neighboring districts to be with us.—Roy J. Young, district pastor, Box 334, Slaton, Tex.

The Church of God at Jacksonville, Ala. is having an all-day singing the second Sunday in May, May 8. Everybody is invited. Come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the singing. We are expecting a good time in the Lord.—W. L. Williams, pastor.

The Church of God convention of the Princeton, W. Va. district will convene April 29-May 1, inclusive, at Weyanoke, W. Va. Brother E. C. Clark will be present. All churches on the district, please discontinue your regular services and attend the district convention and enjoy a feast with the Lord.—T. J. Meade, district pastor, Princeton, W. Va.

PERRY-SCOPE

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all, so that he offends not in word, the apostle lists "a perfect man." It is he who has that "wisdom that is from above." Like the Master Himself; it is "pure . . . peaceable . . . gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy," (v. 17). Amen.

OBITUARIES

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MILLER

Brother H. V. Miller, former pastor of the Church of God in Phoenix, Ariz., departed this life March 23, 1938 at the age of thirty-four years, nine months and thirteen days. Brother Miller trusted God to the end. In his dying hour he sang, " 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." His last words were, "Glory to God," "Hallelujah," "Victory through the resurrection of the just." We expect to meet him at the resurrection of the just. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and six small children.—His sister-in-law, Mrs. S. Tapley, Phoenix, Arizona.

TEBO

Shirley Jean Tebo, daughter of Brother and Sister Claud Tebo, departed this life April 4, 1938 at the age of two months and seven days. — A friend, Mrs. Eunice Todd, Magee, Miss.

BAKER

On April 18, 1937 death claimed little Louis Frank Baker, darling baby of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Baker, age twenty-three months, five weeks and four days. Brother Jesse Bowman conducted the funeral and his body was laid to rest in the Powells Valley cemetery.—Written by his mother, Mrs. Baker, Waltersville, Ky.

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